

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Original) An isolated *Bacillus* strain including a genome having at least 70% DNA-DNA similarity to the genome of a *Bacillus* strain according to Accession no. NM03/36700 and a melting temperature that is about the same as the melting temperature of a genome of a *Bacillus* strain according to Accession no. NM03/36700.
3. (Original) An isolated *Bacillus* strain according to Accession no. NM03/36700.
4. (Canceled)
5. (Currently amended) A bacteria for suppressing the growth of a fungus produced by the following steps:
 - (a) exposing a strain according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 2 to conditions to produce one or more mutant strains; and
 - (b) selecting a mutant strain that is capable of suppressing the growth of a fungus and that has a genome that has at least 70% DNA-DNA similarity to the genome of a *Bacillus* strain according to Accession no. NM03/36700 and a melting temperature that is about the same as the melting temperature of a genome of a *Bacillus* strain according to Accession no. NM03/36700.

Claims 6-9 (Canceled)